

# The Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem Announces The 2021-2022 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

## **Deadline: September 1, 2020**

The Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 Humphrey Fellowship Program.

### **Program Description:**

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a Fulbright program that brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the United States for a year of non-degree graduate-level study, leadership development, and professional enrichment. Fellows come from countries in various stages of development or transition. By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U.S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas.

## **Program Components:**

a. Academic Study: Humphrey Fellows pursue tailored study programs at participating host institutions, where freedom from the requirements of a degree program gives each Fellow the flexibility to pursue a self-directed, individualized program at a host campus. Approximately 13 U.S. campuses have been selected through a competitive process based on their ability to offer institutional and professional resources to host cohorts of Fellows in designated fields of study. Humphrey Fellows may not request placement at any particular university. Each campus has at least one designated faculty coordinator for academic and administrative support. In addition, faculty advisors assist Fellows in pursuing balanced academic and professional programs. Even though Fellows will spend time in an academic setting and are able to take classes at a U.S. university, the Humphrey program is classified as a non-degree program by the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Humphrey Fellows cannot transfer from non-degree status to degree status under any circumstances.

b. Leadership and Professional Development: Professional enrichment activities include professional visits, enhancement skills workshops, conferences, training programs, and a professional affiliation (placement). The professional affiliation provides firsthand exposure to a U.S. work environment on a full-time basis for a minimum period of six weeks. Early in the academic year, each Fellow develops, with assistance from the local campus coordinator and faculty advisors, a detailed plan of practical professional activities geared to the Fellow's Humphrey program objectives.

#### Fields of study:

## **Sustainable Development**

- a. Agricultural and Rural Development
- b. Economic Development/Finance and Banking
- c. Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change
- d. Urban and Regional Planning

### **Democratic Institution Building**

- a. Communications/Journalism
- b. Law and Human Rights
- c. International Religious Freedom
- d. Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- e. Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention
- f. Technology Policy and Management
- g. Human Resource Management

#### **Education**

- a. Educational Administration, Planning and Policy
- b. Higher Education Administration
- c. Teaching of English as a Foreign Language

### **Public Health**

- a. Public Health Policy and Management
- b. HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- c. Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment
- d. Contagious and Infectious Diseases

## **Participant Qualifications**

- Candidates are mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have demonstrated a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement.
- A minimum of five years full-time professional experience (prior to August 2020) in the relevant field, after completing a university degree, and should be interested in the policy aspects of their fields of specialization.
- Candidates must have completed a university degree program requiring at least four years of full-time study to qualify for participation in U.S. graduate study programs.
- Candidates should be proficient in both written and spoken English and should normally have a minimum TOEFL score of 525 (paper based) or 71 (internet-based), although exceptionally promising candidates with lower scores may be nominated for the Long-Term English (LTE) training.
- Candidates should have both the need to participate in the program and the potential to benefit from it. Accordingly, they should demonstrate the required experience, skills, and commitment while also indicating how they can benefit from this program in ways that they have not experienced previously and are not likely to experience without the Humphrey Program.
- Candidates must be Palestinian residents of **Jerusalem**, the **West Bank**, or **Gaza Strip**.

## Ineligible candidates include:

- Recent university graduates (even if they have significant positions);
- University teachers or academic researchers with no management responsibilities (except in the fields of Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment and Teaching of English as a Foreign Language);
- Individuals who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2021;
- Individuals with U.S. in-country experience of any kind lasting more than six months during the five years prior to August 2021; and
- Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status may not apply to the program; they are ineligible for a J visa.

# **Application Deadline:**

Please submit an online application through the Humphrey Fellowship website at <a href="https://apply.iie.org/huberthhumphrey">https://apply.iie.org/huberthhumphrey</a> by September 1, 2020.

### **Inquiries**

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Send an email to <a href="JerusalemExchanges@state.gov">JerusalemExchanges@state.gov</a>

Gaza Applicants: Send an email to <a href="mailto:JRSGazaExchanges@state.gov">JRSGazaExchanges@state.gov</a>